

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to honor and memorialize Colonel
John Wheeler.

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Whereas, John Wheeler was born in Connecticut on February 6, 1825. After Mr. Wheeler married Ann C. Jones in 1846, families moved to Lake County in 1847;

Whereas, Mr. Wheeler was a farmer and teacher. After working with his father to level and lay out pipes and ditches to drain swamplands throughout Lake County, Mr. Wheeler was elected County Surveyor in 1853 and served for three years;

Whereas, for four years after his County Surveyor term, he partnered with Zerah F. Summers editing and publishing the local newspaper called the Crown Point Register;

Whereas, using his own money and influence, Mr. Wheeler raised a company of one hundred men for the Union army in 1861. Becoming part of the Twentieth Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, his company chose him for its Captain. His friends and neighbors presented him the gift of an elegant sword while his regiment was on parade in Indianapolis; and

Whereas, after thoroughly performing the duties of a soldier, Captain Wheeler was commissioned Major of the



Regiment on February 16, 1862, and earned a promotion to the rank of Colonel in March of 1863. Leading his troops in the summer of 1863, Colonel Wheeler fell on July 2nd in the slaughter of the terrible conflict at Gettysburg: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly memorializes and
- 2 honors Colonel John Wheeler for his achievements. His exemplary
- 3 service to his country and his community is commendable.
- 4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 5 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Colonel Wheeler's Great-great-
- 6 great-great-great-grandson, Boyd Cole, and Tom Hawes.

